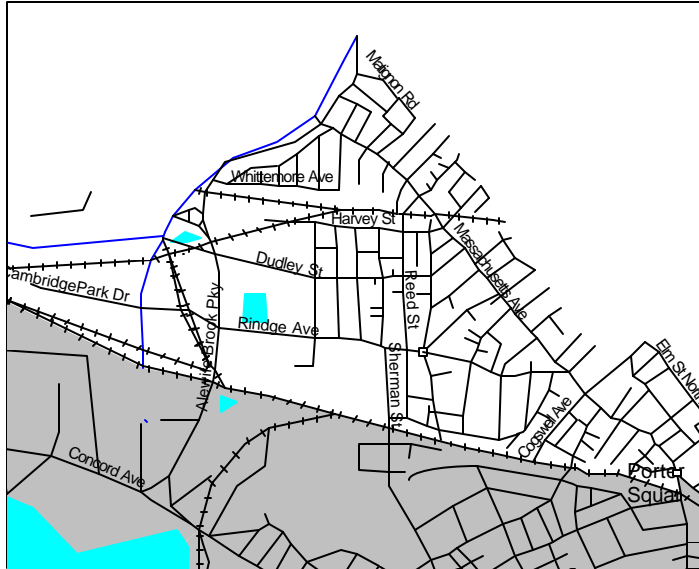
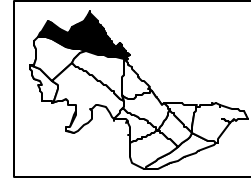


NEIGHBORHOOD 11

NORTH CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION: 10,642 residents
4,699 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

2001 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

North Cambridge did not experience any alarming changes during the second quarter of 2001. The only significant increase was in **malicious destruction incidents**, which can be attributed to a rash of tire slashings during the month of June. Of the 68 incidents, there were 16 slashings in June; the remainder of events consist of damaging property in an attempted theft, graffiti, pinstriping, etc. • **Housebreaks** saw a slight decrease from the same period last year, accounting for one less incident. The only street that saw repeat activity was on Pemberton St. where entrance was usually gained via window. There were also 3 arrests this quarter for this crime. • There was no change in the number of **street robberies** and only one incident involved a weapon, whereas two incidents involved weapons last year. • Although there was a moderate decrease in **auto thefts** this year, Rindge Avenue continued to have its fair share of thefts, accounting for a third of the reported incidents. Thieves seemed to target the area on weekends during the evening hours. • Unfortunately, Rindge Avenue was also a hotspot for **larceny from motor vehicles** this year, experiencing eight of the twenty-seven incidents.

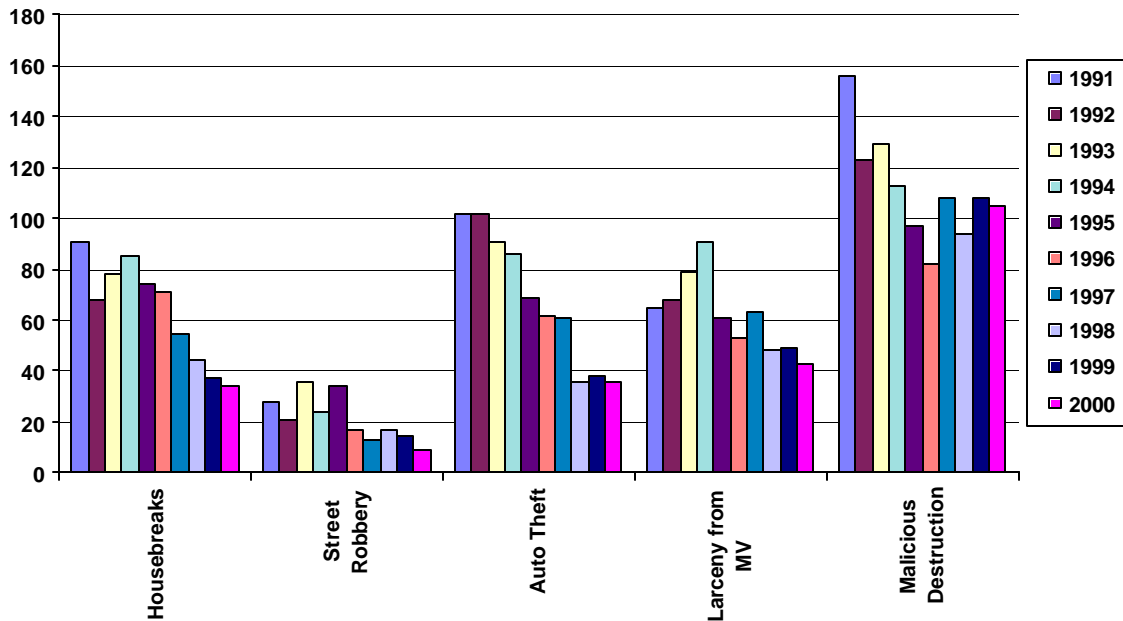
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	2nd Q 2000	2nd Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	13	12	- 8%
Street Robbery	3	3	N.C.
Auto Theft	18	14	-22%
Larceny from MVs	21	27	+29%
Malicious Destruction	41	68	+66%
Drug Arrests	4	8	+100%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	6
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	7
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	6
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	7
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	2